



Missions Prayer Calendar

A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

FEBRUARY

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."
MATTHEW 9:37 (ESV)

Introduction

“Pray also for us...”

So states the apostle Paul in Colossians 4:3 (ESV), acknowledging a somewhat stunning reality: though the Christians to whom he was writing were separated from him physically, they could nonetheless participate in his ministry! God’s people could join in God’s work of taking the gospel to those who hadn’t heard it simply by praying for their missionary pastor.

These realities are no less true today. As a church, Parkside has been blessed with the opportunity to support many missionaries scattered around the world, all of whom are seeking to share the good news of Jesus with people who have yet to hear and believe it. Can we really help them, being thousands of miles and numerous time zones away? According to Paul, yes! The purpose of this missionary prayer calendar is to inform you of what is going on in certain parts of the world and invite you to participate in the work through prayer.

The format is simple. Each day, you will find a missionary or organization that Parkside supports, along with one of their specific prayer requests. You’ll also find a different country of the world and how you can best be praying for the people there.

Our hope in arranging this is that you’ll know the privilege of participating in the work of the gospel, which, as Paul also tells the Colossians, is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world. We trust that praying for the nations will increase our heart for the world, causing us to increasingly desire and work toward seeing unbelieving people of all nations become committed followers of Christ!



To see unbelieving people become
committed followers of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do



Pray

Utilize this booklet and enter into the work of our missionaries via prayer. You can also receive the daily prayer requests in your inbox by signing up for the daily devotional at parksidechurch.com/subscribe.

Join us Sunday evenings for Missions Prayer Time, online or in-person, from 5:00-5:45pm in Room A205. For an online invitation, email Cliff at cjbandrews@sbcglobal.net.



Learn

Increase your awareness of what God is doing among the nations by reading *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. You can pick up a copy of the book at Books by the Park. The prayer requests for different countries in this calendar are excerpts from that book and the operationworld.org website.



Give

Thanks to your generous giving, we were able to allocate \$3,421,410 toward missions in 2024. As we look to the future, it seems there are even more opportunities for us to take the gospel to the world, and we are trusting God for the capacity to do so.



Go

Consider traveling to serve our missionaries or other partners by participating in a short-term mission trip. Watch the bulletin for details on upcoming trips.

Parkside Church Missionaries



E & J*

M, J, C

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Mark & Patti Bean

Andy, Emily, Eric, Ernie



Wes & Nancy Collins

Elisa, Molly, Isaac



Chris & Leanne Harrington

Mark, Lillia, Claire, Graham, Jude



Andrew & Angie James

Nicole, Camille, Zack



Kep & Debbie James

Heather, Katie, Andrew



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Mike & Joan Ross

Steve, Ben, Aaron

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Mark & Patti Bean, Peru, United States

Pray for upcoming reading seminars in each of the four areas represented in the C4 translation project. Each week in February,

the Quechua coworkers will hold a seminar in a different area to help pastors and leaders get acquainted with reading in Quechua. The goal is to help prepare them to be able to read and teach the Bible in Quechua. For the Panatawa Quechua team, pray for Mark and Pablo, the main translator, as they go back and forth polishing the book of Nehemiah and other Old Testament books. Ecclesiastes will be the next book for Mark to check.

Greece (Europe). Population: 9,938,845 Believers: 0.4%. Greece was the first European country to be evangelized (Acts 16:10), but Christianity is now mostly a cultural expression. Less than 3% of the population regularly attend church. Evangelical churches represent less than 0.5% of the population, including all non-Greek evangelicals. The Macedonian Call to evangelize is just as valid today.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie are thankful that their time in Bolivia with the Uruguayan youth was profitable and that they were able to share the gospel with many people. Please pray for fruit in the lives of those who heard the gospel message. As the leadership of the IBM Church makes plans for 2026, pray for the Lord's direction. In March, they plan to open a new ESI group, and they are gearing up to start a new biblical counseling initiative. Pray for two couples in their church: Joaco and Cami, who will be married on February 7, and Mateo and Gaby, who will be married on February 14. Andrew will have the privilege of officiating both ceremonies. Pray that each wedding would honor the Lord and serve as a testimony to non-believing friends and family and that God would bless and strengthen these marriages.

Gibraltar (Europe). Population: 40,126 Believers: 2.9%. Gibraltar has a good position for outreach to the region (southern Spain and North Africa), as well as to locals, immigrants, and foreign tourists. Pray that local congregations will gain a vision for outreach! Muslims working in or visiting Gibraltar are very open to receive Christian material and to hear about Jesus; pray that this opportunity might be utilized sensitively but decisively. Pray for effective methods of reaching them and for more workers for this rare opportunity. **Greenland (North America).**

Population: 55,745 Believers: 4.7%. Indigenous believers and forms of church are growing. With input from faithful Caucasian missionaries and indigenous Christian leaders, the Greenlandic church is expressing itself in ways that are culturally compelling as well as biblical. Pray that the unique worldview and culture of the Inuit people might be made complete in Christ.

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Wes & Nancy Collins, United States

Pray for the continued use of the translated Scriptures around the world and for those working to translate additional languages. Please pray for Wes as his health continues to decline and he is now in hospice care. Pray for their family to adjust to this change and for wisdom in handling the details that need to be worked out.

Grenada (Caribbean). Population: 117,304 Believers: 19.6%. Hurricane Beryl's damage in 2024 was a repeat of that done by hurricanes Ivan and Emily in years past. These hurricanes destroyed or damaged up to 90% of the island's buildings. The global spread of COVID in 2020 and afterward devastated Grenada's tourist industry, on which it is heavily dependent. Pray for sustainable solutions to Grenada's current challenges as hurricanes become more destructive. Pray also for debt reduction/forgiveness rather than restructuring and for Grenadians to put their faith in God above all things. **Guadeloupe (Caribbean).** Population: 373,791 Believers: 4.3%. Christianity is a cultural veneer for most. The rapid growth of sects and evangelical groups highlights the spiritual emptiness. Occultism and magic are widespread influences. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict sin and bring many to true repentance.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Pheneger, Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

Jon and Ruthie are thankful for the prayers and support of Parkside.

Pray for Jon as he leads a small team to meet with the pastors of a large denomination in Asia during the first week of February. In early March, he will lead a large group to Rwanda, where they will train their African leaders. This training will be significant because it will enable Ambassadors Football to scale their partnerships across Africa. Pray for safety in travel and that many children will be discipled because of these opportunities.

Guatemala (Latin America). Population: 18,687,882 Believers: 24.4%. Praise God for the growth among evangelicals, who now are almost 25% of the population, in 25,000 congregations! Churches that fail to disciple new believers may lose them in the next two decades. Pray that pastors and leaders will demonstrate Christlike humility and rise above foolish divisions and greed.

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Kep & Debbie James, Africa, Europe, and the Americas

Pray for Kep and Debbie as they lead an Equipping Servants Internship (ESI) Facilitator Training with 80 pastors and church leaders in San Jose, Costa Rica, on February 5-7. The church in CR drifted away from Christ many years ago. Pray that the 80 participants in the training will see the horrible consequences of Christianity without Christ, and pray that they will repent and make a commitment to study Romans in small groups over the next three years in ESI's mutual discipleship process. After leaving Costa Rica, Kep and Debbie will spend the rest of the month in the Pantanal region of Brazil, where ESI is growing rapidly. Pray for the meetings they will be involved in and for the pastors' conferences they will lead. Ask that the Lord will use their time with these brothers and sisters to encourage them to experience real and deep gospel transformation in their personal lives, marriages, families, and in the way they preach and teach in their local churches.

Guinea (Africa). Population: 15,099,727 Believers: 0.7%. The church declined around 15 years ago. Evangelism and church planting slowed down, and less committed Christians left the faith. Forty-three percent of the population are under age 15. Pray for believers who will persevere and pray against the enemy, who seeks to destroy young or weak Christians before they can grow.

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Fieldstone Counseling, United States

Fieldstone Counseling is grateful for our continued prayers and support. Pray for their Counselor Consultation Group and ReStoryed support groups. Pray that each will be a place of wisdom, healing, and Christ-centered care for those who participate. Pray also for their team as they gather in Ohio for their annual team retreat. Pray that this time together will be refreshing, unifying, and encouraging. Please continue to pray that their counselors will be strengthened by the Lord as they walk alongside those who are hurting, offering the hope of Christ.

Guinea-Bissau (Africa). Population: 2,249,515 Believers: 1.6%. Church leadership is solid, mature, and indigenous, with increasingly well-organized training programs for general discipleship and for pastoral training. But poorer and more remote rural congregations are much less appealing to workers and are therefore neglected. Pray for the vision of the evangelical church to be fulfilled and for trained, passionate national workers to go to the remote and unreached parts of Guinea-Bissau and to the entire region.

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Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, South Africa

Johannes shares that they are experiencing positive results in their church in seeing people coming to Christ. Please pray for these newborn Christians to be stable in the Lord and pray that older Christians will have a desire to help them grow. This month, they will participate in door-to-door personal evangelism in one of the areas of Bloemfontein. The purpose is to plant a new church in that area, as it is their plan each year to plant a new church. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of the people and to use the church members for his glory as they answer the call to be Christ's ambassadors.

Guam (Pacific). Population: 168,999 Believers: 14.2%. Guam is the hub of Micronesia, and as such, the population is multicultural and diverse. There is spiritual and church growth among many of the immigrant communities, including the Chinese, Koreans, and Filipinos. With such ethnic and denominational variety, unity is an important issue and a need for prayer. **Guyana (Latin America).** Population 835,986 Believers: 19.8%. Ministry among young people is vital because family life, further education, employment, and the future in general are great challenges. Most evangelical denominations have work there among the youth. Praise God for many decisions to follow Jesus; pray for effective discipleship.

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Chris & Leanne Harrington, Japan

Chris and Leanne send thanks for our prayers for the Christmas services back in December. A couple of new moms and their kids have been attending church since those events. All moms gather to read and talk about a Bible passage together during the kids' Sunday school. Please pray for these moms to come to know and trust Christ as their Savior. Leanne continues to teach high school chemistry at the Christian International School while their chemistry teacher is on leave for health reasons. Pray that she can be both a faithful gospel witness to her students and an effective teacher.

Haiti (Caribbean). Population: 11,906,096 Believers: 16.0%. Tyranny, cruelty, and spiritual bondage fill Haiti's history. The Spanish genocide against the indigenous Arawaks, Spanish and then French slavery, and Haiti's own brutal leaders promoted a spirit of violence for centuries. Voodoo (a religion of spirits) creates fear throughout society. Pray for the Holy Spirit to cleanse the church. Ask God to bind the powerful spirits underlying voodooism in Jesus' name so the nation can be wholly dedicated to the Lord.

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Parkside Green, United States

Please pray for the Lord to use Pastor Adam's preaching from Revelation, their adult classes studying the New City Catechism, Ethics, and the Gospel of John as well as their youth and children's ministries to help people become committed followers of Jesus Christ. Also, ask the Lord to accomplish his purposes globally through those they support: Dr. Jen Kintner, overseeing women's ministry training at the Gulf Theological Seminary in Dubai; Brett and Jennifer Wright, returning for their third term in Arua, Uganda; and Bryan and Erin Joseph, now starting full-time missions in Mazatlan, Mexico.

Honduras (Latin America). Population: 11,005,850 Believers: 23.0%. Missions vision has grown significantly in the past decade. There are now several mission agencies that train and send cross-cultural workers. Pray for the whole Honduran church to gain a greater vision for outreach and mission. Foreign mission agencies can still play a key role in training and development, specialized ministries, and in holistic projects, for which there are many openings. Pray for humble sensitivity and for a legacy of raising up and empowering Honduran leadership and initiatives.

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Bobby & Julie, Central Asia

They are in the final stages of transferring funds for a vehicle. There is a lot of bad inventory, so please pray for God's provision of a reliable vehicle for the mountains and for longer travel. Winter can be a difficult time because of the darkness and cold. Pray that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit as they go about their work. They are thankful for our prayers and for the wisdom God gave them about the two families that were joining their team. One family had to be let go. The other is doing well, and the father, "Y," is taking the lead for a church plant. Please continue to pray for their team and their work.

Hungary (Europe). Population: 9,632,287 Believers: 2.8%. Hungarians have lost contact with the gospel, despite enjoying a rich theological history. They seek answers in many places: materialism, hedonism, alcohol, and increasingly, false religion. Postmodern mentalities predominate. Pray for all falsehoods and empty philosophies to be exposed as such and for Christ to be exalted as the truth in this historically Christian nation.

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Scranton Road Bible Church, United States

As SRBC baptizes and welcomes new members, pray for God's grace to shepherd and nurture these Christians. Pray for their two new elders who will join the team to do some long-range strategic planning in February. The church is finishing a preaching series through the Gospel of Mark. Pray for Pastor Mark Pratt as he prepares and preaches the Word and for the congregation as they hear and respond. Pray for their small mission team going to Cuba at the end of February.

India (Asia). Population: 1,463,865,525 Believers: 2.2%. India has more unreached individuals than any other nation. Christians in India are unequally spread—the south and northeast have a much higher proportion of Christians than the more populated north and west. Thirteen states in North India are less than 1% Christian. Pray that the church worldwide might rise to this task. Training for Christian workers is an urgent need. The life and health of the church depend on the proper development of pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries.

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Church Plant Training Ministry in Asia

This year's goal is to prepare 25,000 men and women for ministry through residential, non-residential, and virtual formats. In response to a rapidly changing world, their next strategic step is to bring the One Year course fully online, while continuing to strengthen the quality, relevance, and impact of all their training programs. With confidence in God's calling and provision, they trust him to prepare 500,000 disciples by 2045, equipping 125,000 disciples every five years and catalyzing a multiplying movement across the country and beyond until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Habakkuk 2:14). Pray that God will do abundantly more than they are asking!

The Islands of Indonesia (Asia). Population: 285,721,236 Believers: 5.6%. Pray that the church continues to grow amidst the intense opposition and persecution. Pray for: a) Revival. Many denominations there lack spiritual life. They struggle with immorality, divisions, and even indigenous occult practices. b) More mature, spiritual leaders. c) New believers from a Muslim background, who often face rejection and persecution from their communities. They can also find it difficult to fit into Christian culture and churches. Pray for whole households to come to Christ and to follow Christ within their own culture.

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Parkside Heights Church, United States

This month, Parkside Heights youth will be heading to Camp Carl for a youth retreat on February 13-15. Please pray that this experience will draw all who attend closer to the Lord and to each other and that there will be good fellowship with those from other churches who will be coming to the camp as well. Pray also for the "Lunch and Learn" taking place later this month for those newer to the church who have questions or want to find out more about Parkside Heights. As they continue to pursue the purchase of a church building in the Heights, they are thankful for God's favor and direction. Pray for his will to be done.

Iran (Asia). Population: 92,417,681 Believers: 0.2%. Widespread protests in 2022 demonstrated that the younger generation is fed up with the legacy of oppression, bloodshed, cruel “justice,” corruption, economic hardship, and cultural isolation from most of the world. Despite external religiosity, drug addiction and prostitution is widespread. Iran is an ancient, noble, and proud civilization. But in the modern era, these struggles have made many people very open to the gospel. Pray that Iranians’ desires for greatness, prosperity, freedom, and even for righteousness might ultimately be met through worship of Jesus.

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Mike & Joan Ross, Mexico, United States

Pray for wisdom regarding the future of the MAF work and assets in Mexico. Pray that all will be used for God's glory. Pray for the pastors in Amoltepec to use the resources they have to reach the lost. Pray that God will guide the steps of Gregorio and Eily toward missions as they participate in MAF Candidacy. Pray for Amos, as he has accepted an assignment to serve with MAF in a different country. Pray for wisdom for Mike in planning trips to Mexico this year. Pray that God will bless the work of MAF around the world and bring much spiritual fruit for his kingdom.

Iraq (Asia). Population: 47,020,774 Believers: 0.2%. The emergence of Iraqi Arab evangelicals in recent years (now over 50,000) is an answer to prayer! Many of them come from Muslim and even extremist backgrounds, but they encountered Christ through evangelical witness, gospel radio, and especially through dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray for leaders for the churches. Many fled the country and others died, often targeted by Islamists. Many times, the Christian widows of these leaders continue with the pastoral and discipleship work.

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Andrew & Angie James, Uruguay

Andrew and Angie are deeply encouraged by all that the Lord has been doing. Although Uruguay has long been considered a challenging place for gospel work, they continue to witness unbelievers coming to saving faith in Christ and believers growing in maturity. April will be a year since they moved into the new church building. The renovation process seemed long, but they are grateful to have a functional and welcoming space in which to gather and worship. They are thankful that their family is doing well. This year, Camille and Zack transitioned to the school Nicole has attended since 2023. They were uncertain about how the transition would go, but it was smoother than expected. While it was not easy leaving friends at their former school, they were able to form new friendships and have adapted well to their new environment.

Ireland (Europe). Population: 5,308,039 Believers: 1.5%. Evangelicals are experiencing sustained growth. The immigration surge contributed to this, with around one-third of evangelicals coming from non-Irish ethnicities. Pray for unity amid the new diversity, continued growth, good Bible-trained leadership to be raised up, and for the further development of holistic ministry by evangelicals.

The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth







AN UPDATE FROM J & A

PARKSIDE MISSIONARIES PREPARING TO SERVE IN CENTRAL ASIA

These past few years, we have been receiving training to be better prepared to serve God and make disciples. Though we are not yet physically located in this beautiful, yet broken, country of Central Asia, we have longed to call it home since the time we were dating (2017). We have seen God open countless doors for us to walk in that direction, and we simply cannot express the joy we feel in knowing that we are finally a few steps away! Despite all our flaws, we see his abundant blessings to our family, and we desire to share God's love and light with these precious, lost people.



We are part of an organization called Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), which uses aviation as a tool to bring help, hope, and healing to isolated people. Due to the extreme topography of the region, MAF provides aid to some of the poorest, most isolated communities, which would otherwise be completely out of communication and would take days of travel to reach—as opposed to hours by airplane. J will be working as a mechanic, eventually leading a team of about 10 nationals (all of whom are Muslim) in the hangar, presenting a unique opportunity to interact on a deeper level and lead by example.



A will have the blessing of being a stay-at-home mom to our two children as well as getting involved with other teammates and women in the neighborhood. Our prayer is that, through developing trust and friendship, we will be witnesses for Christ through our daily lives, even when we lack the words (literally!).

We know this is no easy task, so we ask that you join us in praying:

- **Pray** that our family will adjust well to learning a new language, as well as the culture of this region, and that our children will be able to easily settle into the new pace of life.
- **Pray** that God will give J grace before the eyes of his fellow workers and that through his example, they may be led to Christ.
- **Pray** that A would remain steadfast in our calling despite the many challenges she will face with the restrictions women in this region live with each day.
- **Pray** for us both as parents, that we will have wisdom in the way we are raising our children and that God will guard their hearts through the constant changes and lack of stability we have been experiencing. (We have already moved three times this past year and have yet to move two more times!)
- **Finally, pray** for the seemingly endless list of government procedures and pending tasks we need to complete to get passports, VISAS, leave things in order at home, etc.

And above all, please join us in praising God for the following:

- His unconditional grace toward us though we stray the course more often than not.
- His infinite GOODNESS in giving us the full support of our Parkside family. Your love, prayers, and encouragement mean more to us than we could ever express.
- The long-awaited opportunity to spend time HOME (in Mexico) after nearly two years in the USA! Our time with family, church fellowship, and of course the food has been nothing short of glorious.

Photos: Page 1, Top: J & A with their family in Mexico. Middle: MAF plane in Central Asia. Bottom: Aerial view of a city in Central Asia.

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Truth For Life, United States

Pray for the Truth For Life team members attending the NRB 2026 International Christian Media Convention on February 17-20 in Nashville.

Pray that the discussions during the conference strengthen relationships with many of their radio and ministry partners and open doors to new opportunities. Praise God for how he is using the book *The Man on the Middle Cross* to introduce people throughout the world to Jesus in their own languages. The book is now published in Afrikaans, Albanian, Burmese, German, Hausa, Italian, Malagasy, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Urdu, and Zulu. Work is currently underway to translate it into more than twenty additional languages! Pray for God to use the book widely across the nations to lead many to know and trust in Jesus.

Israel (Asia). Population: 9,517,181 Believers: 0.4%. Interest in the gospel increased within Israel, especially among Jews, and especially the last few years. At least 12,000 Jews recognize Jesus as their Messiah just within Israel. Messianic Jews are now an undeniable part of Israeli society, but growth also brings persecution. Pray for boldness in witness and perseverance in faith despite the opposition.

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E & J, North Africa

Jessica and the kids took some Christmas cookies to a neighbor we can call Zuzu. The kids played with her children and had a great time.

Recently, Zuzu and her kids came over for a play date. She remarked to Jessica, "You are the first Christian I have ever met" and she asked what E & J believe about how to get to heaven. Please pray for Zuzu and her family to come to faith. E and J and family just arrived in Ohio for home assignment. Pray for their adjustment and that they will enjoy rest and refreshment as they spend time with family and friends.

Italy (Europe). Population: 59,146,260 Believers: 1.1%. The challenge of Christian leadership in Italy remains urgent, since lack of mature, qualified, and gifted lay leaders persists. Academic and pastoral training are needed, but finance, time, and lack of vision limit opportunities. Pray that the various means of training would bolster pastoral leadership across the nation and, in turn, uplift and disciple the whole church to entirely new levels of maturity.

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Parkside Kent, United States

On Sundays at Parkside Kent, they are working through the Gospel of Matthew and are currently studying the Sermon on the Mount. Pray that their life together as a church will reflect the character and glory of God's kingdom. Pray that the Holy Spirit will grow them each week as they learn from God's Word. Please also pray for their community groups as they focus on the Lord's Prayer, building on the Sunday morning studies.

Jamaica (Caribbean). Population: 2,837,078 Believers: 28.0%. Jamaica has a wonderful Christian heritage, with a rich history of sending missionaries. It has the most evangelicals and the best-resourced churches in the Caribbean. The Bible Society (Kingston) provides Bibles to most mini states of the region with a special vision for young people. Pray that the 15 Bible schools and seminaries and the Keswick teaching conferences may be strongholds of biblical theology, godly lifestyle, and mission sending for the Caribbean.

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Equipping Servants International (ESI), Africa, Europe, and the Americas

Praise the Lord for the 3,000 men and women in 250 groups in 37 countries meeting weekly to study the Scriptures. Pray that they will grow in their love for God. Pray for Pastor Edgar Mamani, ESI leader in La Paz, Bolivia, as he spends time with Tacana indigenous pastors in the Tepnis jungle region of Bolivia, an area that is resistant to the gospel. Recently, the ESI Brazil team met with 120 pastors in southern Venezuela. There is a strong desire there to start ESI groups and begin studying God's Word in small groups. Pray for these new ESI groups in Venezuela.

Japan (Asia). Population: 123,103,479 Believers: 0.5%. Spiritual powers and principalities in Japan hinder the gospel. The powers associated with idolatry in temples and ancestor worship in homes remain strong. Many Japanese claim no religion but actually follow some rituals of Buddhism and Shintoism. Even the idea of a Creator God is foreign to the Japanese worldview. Many new religions get started in Japan each year, often based on Buddhism, but also on the occult, the worship of extraterrestrial aliens, and other strange ideas. Ask God to remove the spirit of delusion!

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Parkside Church Westside, United States

Pray for Parkside Westside's community groups as they continue studying Romans together. Pray for their high school students as they begin to plan and prepare for this summer's mission trip to Serbia. Pray for the church's involvement with International Friendships as they care for students living far from home; with Building Hope in the City as they develop relationships with immigrants in the Cleveland area; and with the Cleveland Pregnancy Center as they provide help to moms in need. Also, continue to pray for their missionaries working with a minority language group to advance the gospel in all languages. Pray for the safety of Ryan and Samantha S. as they seek to share the gospel with Somalian refugees in Africa. Continue to pray for the health and safety of Nathanael Wiles as he works with WGM at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya.

Jordan (Asia). Population: 11,520,685 Believers: 0.3%. Religious freedom could be a casualty amid rising religious tensions. This nation is a center for many Christian activities and ministries, and much Christian work in the Middle East would suffer were a setback to occur in Jordan. Pray for the peace of this land and for the king and government. Pray for the freedom to proclaim the gospel and for followers of Jesus to be able to remain in Jordan.

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**Emily (& Blake) Ackerson, Bridges International, Australia/
Ruth (& Artis) Powell, United States, Zambia**

With the start of the semester at the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales, pray for the Lord to draw many international students to himself this year and for the team to be dependent on him in everything they do. Pray for the process of becoming a recognized student organization at UNSW. Pray for their two sons, who are starting a new school year. Pray especially for Elijah as he starts kindergarten. Ruth shares that the one-room school in Kasempa, Zambia, is overflowing with children eager to learn. Pray for the funds needed to expand the village school, providing a safe and supportive environment for these children. In Cleveland, there are four After School Bible Clubs meeting in Euclid, Cleveland, and Painesville—where they had 40 kids and not enough chairs on the first day, and it continues to grow! Pray that many children come to know Jesus.

Kazakhstan (Asia). Population: 20,843,755 Believers: 0.7%. “To be a Kazakh is to be Muslim”—but theirs is a folk Islam strongly influenced by shamanistic practices. Other Muslim countries (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan) invest huge amounts of money to send Muslim missionaries. They successfully convert even some ethnic Russians to Islam. After the Soviet Union broke up, the number of mosques grew from 46 (1989) to 2,300 (2020)! The government works to keep Islam moderate, and Kazakhstan is the only Central Asian state where Islam is not accorded special status. Pray for freedom from historic spiritual bondages.

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Parkside South Asia Medical/Dental Trip

Pray for the team leaving for South Asia on February 26 to serve our ministry partners there by providing a medical/dental clinic for the workers and their families. The team members are Dave Cameron, Gabriele Cross, Ezra Desai, Mitwa Desai, Ralph Desai, Nancy Fingerhut, Wayne Fleck, Amanda Gostnell, Jerry Gostnell, Kian Gostnell, Rania Kirolos, Tiffany Kral, Lois Mullet, Renee Neumann, Wade Neumann, Cheryl Ogden, Adelina Popescu, Sarah Scott, Stacey Spinder, Nathanael Wiles, and Christine Willett. Pray for safety, unity, and that they will be an encouragement to those they meet. The team returns to Cleveland on March 8.

Kenya (Africa). Population: 57,532,493 Believers: 48.9%. Long-term and rapid growth in churches has brought significant challenges for prayer. The need for trained leaders for more than 80,000 congregations gives cause for concern. Pray for grassroots training programs that aim to ground leaders in the Word and to help them lead and plant truly biblical, truly African churches.

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The City Mission, United States

Cleveland is the second poorest among large cities in the U.S. Each day, more than 300 women and children are on a waitlist for safe shelter at Laura's Home. Many of these families face unimaginable situations. Pray for these families and for the men who arrive at Crossroads Men's Crisis Center carrying all forms of physical and emotional distress. Pray for the staff and volunteers as they seek to restore dignity and hope by sharing the gospel in a compassionate way.

Iceland (Europe). Population: 398,266 Believers: 3.8%. Despite Iceland's growing reputation as a paradise of rugged natural beauty and socioeconomic stability, challenges threaten to change traditional Icelandic life. Divisions come over land, where some want to conserve the environment and others want to make money from its resources. Immigration brings other faiths and cultures into a traditionally guarded society. Pray for wisdom for leaders who deal with these new challenges.

Kiribati (Pacific). Population: 136,489 Believers: 7.2%. The once-strong Congregational Church (Kiribati Protestant) is in slow decline and losing members to other groups. The theological college in Tarawa is not evangelical. Pray for a return to the Bible. Nominalism and syncretism with traditional spiritism practices are all too common.

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Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, Mexico

Pray that God will continue to give Edgar wisdom as he works with the Mexican board for the MAF work in Mexico. Praise the Lord that their daughter, Esther, is back in college after dealing with some health issues. Pray for the two ESI groups that Edgar is leading in Oaxaca and for a new group forming in Pachuca. Pray for wisdom and safety for Edgar as he has received threats but desires to continue to encourage the pastors and believers in Amoltepec. Pray that Neri will have wisdom as he facilitates ESI groups in the state of Chiapas. Pray for continued growth of the church plant. Praise God that they were able to move into a more affordable house, which better fits their needs with the foster children living with them. Pray for strength for Neri as he continues battling lymphoma and for wisdom to work within his physical limitations. Praise the Lord for the encouraging results in recent blood work. Pray for healing for Neri and for extra strength for Karina during this difficult season in their lives.

North Korea (Asia). Population: 26,571,037 Believers: 1.0%. The Korean revival (1907) began in the church in North Korea. People in those days called Pyongyang the "Jerusalem of the East." But most Christians fled to the South during the Korean War or died as martyrs. Now if you even say the name "Jesus" aloud you may die for it. We do not know much about the underground church, but we know it survived and even grows. The government holds up to 100,000 Christians in labor camps. Pray for North Korean believers to persevere in probably the most difficult country for Christians.

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Human Coalition (Health for Her Cleveland), United States

Pray for the Lord to strengthen, guide, and fill the staff, volunteers, and leaders with his peace and wisdom as they minister to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Pray for the protection of the unborn and for courage and clarity for these women. Also, pray for the center to continue to be a place of hope, safety, and grace.

South Korea (Asia). Population: 51,667,030 Believers: 16.8%. Praise God for the unique Korean church! From the first Protestant congregation in 1884, South Korea now has as many as 50,000. Now its leadership is well-trained, and its strong missions vision is an example to the world. At the same time, corruption and scandals in church leadership and an inability to connect well with the younger generation means that South Korean Christianity faces rapid decline and decreasing cultural relevance. Pray for fresh expressions of following Jesus that will bring new life—and a new generation—into the churches.

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Jon (& Ruthie), Matt (& Laura) Phenege, Goran (& Beth) Tomic, Ambassadors Football, United States

The year began with great news for Goran and Beth. Fifteen youth put their faith in Jesus during a soccer camp held in northern Patagonia, Chile. Ruben, Jael, and Roberto attended Ambassadors training in October, and along with other coaches, they planned and ran the camp. Pray for these new believers to be discipled and grow in their faith. Matt spoke to a pastor and a missionary from Myanmar. The pastor would like to start soccer ministry through a network of Myanmar churches across Michigan. The missionary wants to be trained to utilize soccer ministry in N. Africa. Pray for Ambassadors Football's church partnerships in the U.S. and globally.

Kuwait (Asia). Population: 5,026,078 Believers: 1.5%. Kuwaiti Arabs are increasingly exposed to Christians via travel, business contacts, and studying abroad. This is particularly so for students; Kuwaiti students abroad are being reached so effectively that many families are now sending their children to study in Egypt, UAE, etc. in order to protect them from Christian witness. Pray that Christians might take advantage of these opportunities and that the gospel message might fall on open hearts, prepared by the Holy Spirit. Pray also for those Kuwaitis who hear and want to respond; cultural and familial pressures prevent many from following Christ.

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Shoreline Church, United States

Praise God for a great start to another year of ministry in 2026 at Shoreline Church. Please pray that the year continues to be a fruitful season for ministry. Pray that their young families and young adult events will provide opportunities to connect and form bonds that greatly strengthen the body. As their men's and women's Bible studies continue to meet, pray that the time the groups spend in the Word would be fruitful. For Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ, praise the Lord for the consistent outreach in two state facilities (Cuyahoga Hills & Indian River) and two county facilities. Weekly chapels, Bible studies, and individual mentoring have gone well. The incarcerated youth especially appreciate using the One Year New Testaments.

Kyrgyzstan (Asia). Population: 7,295,035 Believers: 0.7%. The regimes that followed Communism have so far only brought more corruption, crime, and poverty. Pray for Christians to find good, legal jobs. High rates of alcoholism, drug trafficking, gambling, and prostitution create huge challenges. The poor, elderly, and disabled suffer the most. Pray that believers can address these challenges and positively affect their society and economy.

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J & A, Missionaries in Training, United States

Please pray that God would open doors and provide favor, clarity, and smooth progress in all the legal processes and documents they are currently navigating. Pray that this season with J's side of the family would be a blessing to them, especially as his grandmother's health continues to decline. Pray for comfort, peace, strength, and meaningful time together. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and peace as they prepare for packing, moving once again, and leaving their home ready for many years away. Pray for a deeper relationship with God—for each of them individually and for them as a couple—for greater intimacy with him, sensitivity to his leading, and trust in his plans.

Laos (Asia). Population: 7,873,046 Believers: 2.6%. Praise God for rapid church growth, even under government restrictions and persecution! Indigenous Laotians lead almost all churches and evangelism efforts. Over 90% of all trained leaders left Laos in 1975, and most congregations lack a trained pastor. Pray urgently for leaders both in the recognized churches and in the house church networks. Pray that new believers will grow strong in faith and not fall away.

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Missions: More than Money

Several years ago the elders at Parkside moved from supporting many people with a little bit of funding to supporting a smaller amount of people with a lot of funding. The idea behind this transition was to strengthen the relationship between our church and our missionaries, that we might adequately care for them while on the field and that they might sharpen our desire to see unbelievers reached for Christ.

Practically, this means that our primary approach is now to cover 100% of our missionaries' financial needs so that they can focus their time and energy on their ministry rather than on raising support. When they are home, we provide housing and transportation. When they are away, we speak with them regularly and highlight their activity through various avenues so that our people can stay abreast of their progress and enter into their work by praying for them. Our role does not replace the work of mission agencies, but we seek to provide our missionaries with ongoing care in one place so that they might be most effective for the kingdom.

As detailed in the pages that follow, we still offer partial financial support to some of the missionaries who we had been partnering with before the transition, as well as some other organizations and individuals.

Learn more about our missionaries and locate contact information for them at www.parksidechurch.com/missions.

Full Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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| North Africa | E & J |
| Japan | Chris & Leanne Harrington |
| Uruguay | Andrew & Angie James |
| Africa/Europe/The Americas | Kep & Debbie James |
| Central Asia | Bobby & Julie |
| United States | J & A |

Partial Financial Support of Parkside Missionaries

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| Peru/United States | Mark & Patti Bean |
| Guatemala/United States | Wes & Nancy Collins |
| Mexico/United States | Mike & Joan Ross |

Financial Support of Nationals

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| Bolivia & Around the World | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Twenty Bolivians serve as Pastoral Assistants (PAs), a pastor-in-training role. The PAs receive differing levels of support from Parkside Church depending on how long they have been involved and how they are serving.Equipping Servants International (ESI) is a three-year, part-time course designed to teach people how to think and live biblically. ESI has had 3,350 graduates since 2002, and has 3,000 active participants in 250 groups meeting in 37 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, England, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Parkside Church has assisted and continues to assist in providing participants with the required materials. |
| Mexico | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Two Mexican pastors, Edgar (& Lety) Rivera and Neri (& Karina) Rivera, receive partial financial support from Parkside. They are currently teaching 75 Mexicans to think and live biblically through the Equipping Servants International (ESI) program in Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Tapachula. |
| South Asia | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Twenty full-time church planting missionaries were trained and sent out, fully supported by Parkside Church.Twelve students are enrolled in a 9-month, full-time preaching training course, fully supported by Parkside Church. |
| South Africa | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Johannes (& Mathapelo) Thaele, a South African pastor working full time with students in the farm schools, local church, and university in Bloemfontein, receives full financial support from Parkside Church. |

Financial Support to Mission Partners and Local Churches

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| Fieldstone Counseling | Parkside Church Westside |
| Hope for Glasgow | Parkside Green |
| Human Coalition Cleveland | Parkside Heights Church |
| The City Mission | Parkside Kent |
| Truth For Life | Scranton Road Bible Church |
| | Shoreline Church |

Financial Support to Mission Individuals

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| Emily (& Blake) Ackerson | Jon (& Ruthie) |
| Matt (& Laura) Pheneger | Ruth (& Artis) Powell |
| Goran (& Beth) Tomic | |

Parkside Church funding of Missions in 2024: \$3,421,410

Get Involved

in a short-term missions trip

South Africa Trip

Vacation Bible Camp

Trip Dates: June 26-July 5, 2026

Informational Meeting: February 15, Noon, Room A221

To find out more about joining a future short-term team,
please contact the church office at 440.543.1212
or visit parksidechuch.com/missions.



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